



Williamsburg exhibit taking grafitti art 'Beyond the Streets.' 10-11





Trump now questions whether Iran intentionally shot down drone

The "unprovoked attack" comes as U.S. pursues an Iranian isolation plan.

President Donald Trump played down Iran's downing of a U.S. military drone on Thursday, saying he suspected it was shot by mistake and that "it would have made a big difference" to him if the remotely-controlled aircraft had been piloted.

While the comments appeared to suggest Trump was not eager to escalate the latest in a series of incidents with Iran, he also warned that: "This country will not stand for it.

Tehran said the unarmed Global Hawk surveillance drone was on a spy mission over its territory but Washington said it was shot down over international airspace.

"I think probably Iran made a mistake — I would imagine it was a general or somebody that made a mistake in shooting that drone down," Trump told reporters at the White House.

"We had nobody in the drone. It would have made a big difference, let me tell you, it would have made a big, big difference" if the aircraft had been piloted, Trump said as he met Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in the Oval Office.

The United States,



which called the event an "unprovoked attack" in international air space, is pursuing a campaign to isolate Iran to contain its nuclear and ballistic missile programs and limit its role in regional wars.

The incident was the latest in an escalating series of incidents in the Gulf region, a critical artery for global oil supplies, since mid-May including explosive strikes on six oil tankers as Tehran and Washington have edged toward confrontation.

It was unclear how the United States might respond and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Washington had no appetite for war with Iran.

"It's hard to believe it was intentional, if you want to know the truth. I think that it could have been somebody who was loose and stupid that day," Trump said, referring to the drone shooting.

The Trump administration called top congressional leaders to the White House for a briefing later on Thursday on Iran, a source with knowledge of the meeting said.

Iran has denied involvement in the tanker attacks, but global jitters about a new Middle East conflagration disrupt-

"This was an unprovoked attack on a U.S. surveillance asset in international air space."

Navy Capt. Bill Urban

ing oil exports have triggered a jump in crude prices.

Saudi Arabia, Washington's main gulf ally, said Iran had created a grave situation with its "aggressive behavior" and the kingdom was consulting other Gulf Arab states on next steps.

Tensions with Iran

flared with Trump's withdrawal last year from a 2015 nuclear accord with Iran and have worsened as Washington imposed fresh sanctions to throttle Tehran's vital oil trade. Iran retaliated earlier this week with a threat to breach limits on its nuclear activities imposed by the deal. "SPY" DRONE

Iranian state media said the "spy" drone was brought down over the southern Iranian province of Hormozgan, which is on the Gulf, with a locally made "3 Khordad" missile.

A U.S. official said the drone had been downed in international air space over the Strait of Hormuz, through which about a third of the world's seaborne oil exits the Gulf. Earlier, a U.S. official had described the drone as a similar MQ-4C Triton.

A U.S. official said the drone, an RQ-4A Global Hawk, had been downed in international air space over the Strait of Hormuz, through which about a third of the world's seaborne oil exits the Gulf. Earlier, a U.S. official had described the drone as a Triton, a similar aircraft.

Navy Captain Bill Urban, a spokesman for the U.S. military's Central Command, said Iran's account that the drone had been flying over Iranian territory was false.

"This was an unprovoked attack on a U.S. surveillance asset in international air space," Urban said. The drone, he added, was downed over the Strait of Hormuz in the early morning hours of local time in the Gulf.

Separately, a U.S. official told Reuters on condition of anonymity the debris field from the drone was in international waters in the Strait and U.S. naval assets have been dispatched to the area. REUTERS

Senate rejects Saudi arms sales in rebuke to Trump

The Senate on Thursday voted to block the sale of billions of dollars in military sales to Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and other countries, rejecting President Trump's decision to sidestep Congress' review of such deals by declaring an emergency over Iran. Trump has promised to veto the Senate action in order to proceed with the deals, worth some \$8.1 billion. Senators would need 67 votes to override his veto, which looked

unlikely after Thursday's votes. The first and second resolutions of disapproval passed 53-45 and a third vote covering the remaining 20 resolutions was 51-45. Backers of the resolutions, led by Democrat Bob Menendez and Republican Lindsey Graham, said they sent a bipartisan message to Saudi Arabia that Washington is not happy about human rights abuses, including the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoqqi at a Saudi consulate in Turkey. REUTERS

'Peace cross' can stand on public land, high court rules

A 40-foot-tall cross-3 A 40-foot-tall cross-shaped war memorial standing on public land in Maryland does not constitute government endorsement of religion, the Supreme Court ruled on Thursday in a decision that leaves unanswered questions about the boundaries of the U.S. Constitution's separation of church and state. The vote was 7-2 to overturn a lower court ruling that had declared the so-called Peace Cross in Bladensburg unconstitutional in a legal challenge

mounted by the American Humanist Association, a group that advocates for secular governance. The concrete cross was erected in 1925 as a memorial to troops killed in World War I. The ruling made it clear that a long-standing monument in the shape of a Christian cross on public land was permissible but the justices were divided over whether other types of religious displays and symbols on government property would be allowed. REUTERS

Walmart to pay \$282M to settle Brazil corruption

Walmart has agreed to pay a total penalty of \$282 million to settle charges by the U.S. Justice Department and the Securities & Exchange Commission that its Brazilian unit violated the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. The retailer will pay more than \$144 million to settle charges by the SEC and approximately \$138 million to resolve parallel criminal charges by the U.S. Department of Justice, according to court and regulatory filings.

The settlement with the Justice Department was reached on Thursday in a federal court in Virginia. The department launched an investigation against the retailer after a series of New York Times articles in 2012 described bribes that Walmart allegedly paid in Mexico to obtain permits to build stores there. The reports spurred a wide-reaching Justice Department investigation of the behavior of Walmart subsidiaries across the globe. RELITERS

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Jersey man held in Ortiz shooting

Rolfi Ferreira-Cruz was charged with drug, weapons offenses in an unrelated case.

A man being held in the Dominican Republic in connection with the shooting and serious wounding of retired Boston Red Sox star David Ortiz was charged in New Jersey on Thursday with drug and weapons violations in an unrelated case, the U.S. Justice Department said.

Ferreira-Cruz, Rolfi 25, of Paterson, New Jersey, was indicted in Newark on three federal counts, including conspiring to distribute heroin and cocaine and possession of a firearm to traffic drugs, U.S. Attorney Craig Carpenito

Each of the three counts carries a mandatory minimum penalty of five years in prison.

Ferreira-Cruz behind bars in the Dominican Republic in connection with the orchestrated attack outside a nightclub earlier this month, a spokesman for Carpenito said. Ortiz, 43, was struck by bullets that were meant for someone else, according to Dominican Republic Attorney General Jean Alain Rodriguez.

Dominican authorities were also holding several other suspects in connection with the shooting of Ortiz, a slugger beloved in Boston for helping the Red Sox end an 86-year championship drought in 2004. He also starred on World Series champion teams in 2007 and 2013.

On Wednesday, Rodriguez told reporters the target was a man named Sixto David Fernandez, who was sitting with Ortiz and was similarly dressed.

The man suspected of planning the attack was . Victor Hugo Gomez, a fugitive from U.S. justice with links to Mexico's Gulf Cartel drug gang, who believed Fernandez had betrayed him to law enforcement several years ago, Rodriguez

Ortiz was listed in good condition after being hospitalized and undergoing surgery in Boston, where he was transported a day after being shot in the back, a Red Sox spokesman said.

BRIEF

Georgians angry over Russian lawmaker's visit try to storm parliament

Crowds angry over the visit of a Russian lawmaker tried to storm Georgia's parliament building on Thursday evening, pushing against lines of riot police, throwing bottles, and grabbing riot shields from some officers and tearing off their helmets.

The scenes in Tbilisi, the Georgian capital, flared up suddenly after public anger over the visit and speech of a member of the Russian lower house of parliament triggered big street protests. Riot police used tear gas against the protesters, which prompted some of them to disperse.

Russian influence in Georgia remains a politically sensitive subject after the small country, a U.S. ally, fought and lost a short war against Moscow in 2008.

The two countries have not had diplomatic ties since, and Russia went on to recognize the independence of two breakaway regions, South Ossetia and Abkhazia, where Russian troops are now

Georgia, which is crisscrossed by energy pipelines, hopes to one day join the European Union and NATO, an ambition that has not gone down well in Moscow, the country's former Soviet overlord.

Thursday's protests were sparked by a visit by Sergei Gavrilov, who was leading a Russian delegation that was taking part in the Interparliamentary Assembly on Orthodoxy (IAO), a body set up by the Greek parliament in 1993 to foster relationships between Christian Orthodox lawmakers. REUTERS



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Achilles Hope & Possibility road race set for Sunday

Sunday's 4-mile race in Central Park is designed for people of all abilities.



Central Park will welcome back the 17th Annual Achilles Hope & Possibility 4-mile road race by TD Bank on Sunday.

The race, which kicks off at 8:30 a.m., was inspired by Trisha Meili's New York Times bestselling memoir; "I Am the Central Park Jogger: A Sto-ry of Hope & Possibility."

More than 7,500 people are expected to participate in the race, sponsored by TD Bank and one of the largest in the world to support people with disabilities (it allows runners of all abilities to participate. Wounded veterans, Paralympians, and children with disabilities are among those to participate.



Dick Traum, an amputee and the founder and President of Achilles International, gained recognition as being the first man to complete the New York Marathon with a prosthetic leg. Traum was inspired to create Achilles to help normalize and destigmatize disabled runners.

Although the race has been around for 17 years, the Achilles International organization dates back to the 1980s, and since its creation, it has continued to grow worldwide.

Traum said the partnership between both groups works well because both have similar missions of "supporting the under-

dog."
"The philosophy of TD is very much our philoso-phy," Traum said, "which is really an interest in the underďog."

TD Bank Regional President Andrew Bregenzer agreed with Traum.

"The opportunity to sponsor the Achilles Hope and Possibility Race was a natural extension of our shared purpose," he said. For Traum, one goal of the race is to promote a connection between ablebodied people, and people with disabilities.

Bregenzer Traum, saying, "it's about supporting people of all abilities to achieve their full potential and ensuring that everyone has equal opportunity." He added, "Ît's not just about the dollars invested into community initiatives. What we stand for and how we show up matters.'





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Aries You may want to rethink some of your current connections. Consider who is an asset and who is a liability. It's time to make a personal change. Romance is favored.



Libra You are on to something, so don't stop to ponder whether you should dig further. The experience will prepare you for future endeavors. Romance is encouraged.



Taurus You can talk your way in or out of anything, but before you begin, you are best off considering the effect you will have on those around you.



Scorpio Don't let emotional matters get to you. Take a step back and rethink your position and how you want to move forward. Do things your way and don't look back



Gemini Let your actions be your voice. How you handle situations will determine the way others perceive you. Being charming and doing what you say you are going to do will encourage support.



Sagittarius Don't freely share personal information. Protect an essential relationship by being open about your feelings and intentions. If you are too aloof, you'll send the wrong signal.



Cancer Make it your business to find out what others are up against before you commit to getting involved or promise to take care of something



Capricorn Change your direction if there are too many roadblocks. Success will be dependent on how you maneuver your way through situations that are continually changing. Assess and adjust.



Leo If you compromise, you will find it much easier to get others to pitch in and help. Romance should be a priority. Make interesting plans, but don't try to buy someone's love.



Aquarius It won't be easy for you to hide the way you feel, so don't hold back. Say what's on your mind and find out where you stand. Romance should be a priority.



Virgo Make a healthy dietary change. You may not be one to stray too far from the norm, but a detour will pay off. Don't shy away from experiencing something new.



Pisces Avoid indulgent situations. Honesty will help you avoid being questioned or put in an awkward position. Do your best to be helpful without meddling in someone else's affairs. EUGENIALIAST



Jessie Buckley as Rose-Lynn Harlan. NEON

Songs, passion and the truth

Jessie Buckley takes on the role of Rose-Lvnn Harlan in "Wild Rose." MOLLY GIVEN

Passion and dreams go hand in hand. Everyone in life has something they yearn for either silently or out loud.

Rose-Lynn Harlan played by Jessie Buckley in the new film "Wild Rose" certainly displays the latter. "Wild Rose" follows the story of the tenacious and colorful country songstress Rose-Lynn and her quest to make it to the United States and sing her way to stardom in Nashville.

But life, children, a strict mother, no finances and her recent stint in prison make her dream more complicated to acheive. Jessie Buckley sat down with Metro to give the scoop on her role in "Wild Rose", her new love of country music and why she thinks to have passion is to truly believe in yourself.

Buckley, a native of Ireland, is an experienced musician but had to take on a new skill set when learning to sing the popular American genre. "There is a kind of secret country movement in Ireland and Glasgow", says Buckley. "I had never sung country before, but I have done a bit of music. My mom's a musician and singer so I grew up in a musical household. Getting into country and that genre of music was a whole new adventure for me-it was great, I loved

The 29-year old says it was the honesty of the music that drew her in. 'For me, the thing that kind of changed my life was the lyrics that are in country. They are very simple stories about people in their day to day life doing mundane things, but they somehow manage to capture the emotion of these people. People who are dreaming about something, or struggling against something or having their heart broken, or caught being cheated on or just wanting something for themselves. It's not something that is sparkled up, it tells a story about very real things often. The music isn't trying to embellish in any way. It's purely about the honesty about what the characters and people are living in the song, and that's the truth. You have to be truthful when you sing it as well."

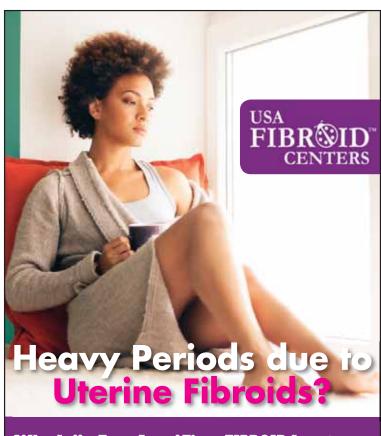
That yearning and truth is what drives Rose-Lynn to continually reach for the stars, even when it seemed like the universe was against her, which for most of the film, it was. Despite the many setbacks and, to be perfectly honest, selfish actions Rose-Lynn takes in the film, her spirit is pure and tenacious, and frankly-unwilling to be broken. Something to admire, especially if you are equally yearning for a chance in life.

"She just had a passion, and when you're passionate about something or you fall in love with something or fall in love with someone, it can drive you mad," says Buckley. "It can drive you to keep moving forward, and she had a kind of unbelievable self-belief that there was something more to her life than the four walls that she was allowed to dream in or live in. That kind of tenacious courage was so exciting and terrifying and definitely challenged me as a person."

"Wild Rose" showcases the glitz and glam of a dream as well as the harsh reality of life-but the film also shows that one does not cancel out the other.

The story itself displays the desperate passion of a talented musician, but also showcases the inner struggle of accepting who you are and what you can do, not just what you want yourself to be. "I think that is the journey that she goes on. She thinks she has to run so far away from herself to be able to belong to this world, and become a different identity. Who you are and where you're from, and the stories you have in your own life and in your heart are the stories you need to say,' says Buckley. "What she realizes is that she needs to accept that what she needs to say in her music is right back at home. Because thats all she knows, and her own individuality and her own story is powerful and beautiful- no one else can sing those songs, only her."

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"Beyond the Streets" opens Friday, focusing on the urban art of graffiti. The exhibition

will sprawl over two floors in a North Williamsburg waterfront office building and will feature performances, lectures and a film se-

Curated by Roger Gastman with co-curators Sacha Jenkins SHR, Evan Pricco and

David CHINO ente, the exhibition 'examines the fundamental human need for public self-expression, highlighting artists with roots in graffiti and street art whose work has evolved into highly disciplined studio practices, alongside

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Girls and more. The show includes a few immersive expe-

riences, such as a U.S.

debut from Fairey's 30th anniversary with

"Facing the Giant: 3 Decades of Dissent." The

show will also feature

a Beastie Boys installa-

important cultural figures inspired by these art forms.

"Beyond the Streets" will showcase over 150 different artists from around the globe, intioning tattoo parlor by Bert Krak & Alexis

"Beyond the Streets" opens today, June 21, at 25 Kent St. in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. The exhibit is open Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$12 for children ages 6 to 11, and free for all under





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RJ Barrett is officially on his way to Madison Square Garden, the Knicks taking the Duke product with the No. 3 pick of the 2019 NBA Draft Thursday night in Brooklyn.

Since the Knicks came away with the third selection last month at the NBA Draft Lottery, Barrett was the only logical choice considering the top two picks were locks.

The New Orleans Pelicans took Zion Williamson — the most highlytouted draft prospect

Knicks take RJ at No. 3 in NBA Draft

since LeBron James — at No. 1. The Memphis Grizzlies followed by selecting point guard Ja Morant from Murray State.

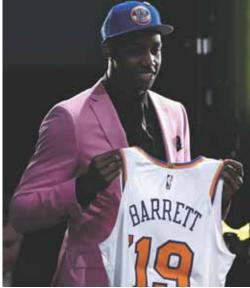
Memphis wasted no time ushering in the Morant era, either, as they traded away star point guard Mike Conley Jr. to the Utah Jazz on Wednesday.

Barrett was clearly the third-best prospect in the class of 2019. Considering the Knicks have glaring needs almost everywhere on the roster, the 6-foot-7 wing is the kind of bona fide talent to build on for the future.

Here is what you need to know about the newest Knick:

STRENGTHS

- Impressive build for a player his age. With the size of a small forward and the scoring ability of a guard, Barrett has a 6-foot-10 wingspan that will help get shots over and around defenders.
- His athleticism allows him to open up offensive opportunities from almost anywhere on the floor. He is almost



The Knicks selected RJ Barrett with the third pick of the 2019 NBA Draft on Thursday night, GETTY IMAGES

unguardable in transition when paired with his length.

- Has the demeanor to thrive in New York. Does not shy away from the big moment and welcomes high expectations which will certainly come with playing on the Knicks.

- An ability to vary his speeds when on the ball throws opposing defenders off their game.
- Has the court vision and passing ability to help facilitate the offense if the opposing defense's

main priority is shutting him down.

- Solid spot shooter in games when allowed proper time and space.
- Holds the promise of becoming an elite defender if he can commit to that side of the ball.

WEAKNESSES

- His ball-handling has been suspect. Barrett has shown a tendency to be loose in possession while working with the ball further away from his body.
- Poor decision-making at times, especially when it comes to his shot selection. It serves as a reminder that his game still has plenty of maturing to do.
- Can be a streaky shooter that could stymie an offense when he's off his game. Shot less than 60 percent from the freethrow line at Duke.
- Despite his size and length, Barrett struggles at times against larger defenders in the paint. Lacks that overwhelming finishing ability at the rim.

WHAT THE KNICKS CAN DO MOVING FORWARD

The 19-year-old can slot in at the shooting guard or small forward spot given his size and athleticism. It will give the Knicks the flexibility to go out and pursue a max-salary, freeagent point guard if they so choose.

Kyrie Irving and Kemba Walker could be had on the market come July 1.

Dennis Smith Jr. — who is held highly by Knicks management — could slot in at shooting guard while Barrett takes over the 3.

For the time being, Kevin Knox could slot in at power forward. That may be for only one year, however, if the Knicks choose to go all-in on the injured Kevin Durant. The Warriors star is likely to miss the 2019-20 season with a ruptured Achilles.

At center, the Knicks could bring back DeAndre Jordan or hand the keys to the young and promising Mitchell Robinson, which would keep with the theme of the Knicks building a young core.

USWNT beats Sweden, takes Group F

While the result isn't as dramatic as an Olympic quarterfinal, the United States was able to provide some payback to Sweden on Thursday with a 2-0 victory at the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup.

Goals from Lindsey

Goals from Lindsey Horan and Tobin Heath were enough to get past the defensive-minded Swedes, who had conceded just one goal in their first two matches.

The win ensured the United States won Group F with nine points, three better than Sweden. They now head into the Round of 16 knockout stage, where they will meet Spain on June 24.

They wasted little time exacting such revenge as Horan scored the fastest goal at this year's World Cup with an easy tap-in at the 3-minute mark.

Off a corner delivered by Megan Rapinoe, a run to the near post by Sam Mewis saw the midfielder provide a pristine flick to the uncovered Horan for the goal.

The quick strike seemed to catch Sweden napping as they built a reputation of being a defensive-first side when playing against some of the best teams in the world. It was that counter-attacking strategy that eliminated the U.S. from the quarterfinals at the 2016 Summer Olympics three years ago.

Sweden managed to settle down after that and stay clean for the remainder of the first half, continuously absorbing United States pressure and turning away their numerous shot attempts.

In the first 45 minutes alone, the United States attempted 12 shots while seven found their way on target as Swedish keeper Hedvig Lindhal was plenty busy.

Heath finally pro-

vided a second for the U.S. in the 50th minute — though FIFA officials inexplicably changed it to an own goal — thanks to an individual display of brilliance down the right end line. The American forward deked her

defender just enough to cannon a shot from a tight angle into the back of the net thanks to a minuscule deflection off a Swedish defender.

The U.S. women's national team will face Spain in the knockout round after defeating Sweden on Thursday, GETTY IMAGES

Despite the shutout, American keeper Alyssa Naeher was the busiest she's been at the World Cup. Sweden was able to nab a few chances on the counter against a shorthanded U.S. defense, recording six shots on Thursday

Julie Ertz, the calming defensive presence in ei-

ther the midfield or back line, was a last-minute scratch after suffering a minor hip contusion.

Given her value, it was a notable absence in such a large game. However, the combination of midfielder Lindsey Horan alongside center backs Becky Sauerbrunn and Abby Dahlkemper managed to hold things together.

Granted, there were some shaky moments throughout the match as Sweden sent its strikers up to apply pressure on the back line. They most notably keyed in on forward-turned-left back Crystal Dunn and created a few turnovers in the process.

The defense did just enough, though, to ensure that the United States' clean-sheet streak continued. It has now been seven straight matches in which the Americans have not conceded a goal.

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